

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2005. Claims 8 - 10 and 12 - 14 were pending, and all the claims were rejected in view of Okawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,639,508).

In response, the Applicants have amended Claims 8 and 12, and have added newly drafted Claim 15. Specifically, Claim 8 has been amended to specifically include the language that a voltage is placed "across a face surface of said upper electrode layer and a face surface of said electrode layer for polarization, [such that] said first sheet is polarized in the direction of a thickness of the first sheet." Claim 15 includes similar claim language. Okawa et al. does not disclose this method of polarization. This amendment specifically addresses the Examiner's comment on page 5 of the previous Office Action. Moreover, similar language was found patentable in the related case, U.S. Serial No. 10/744,154.

Therefore, it is believed that the present claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone call will expedite the processing of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

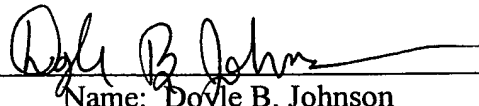
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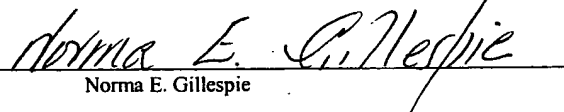
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